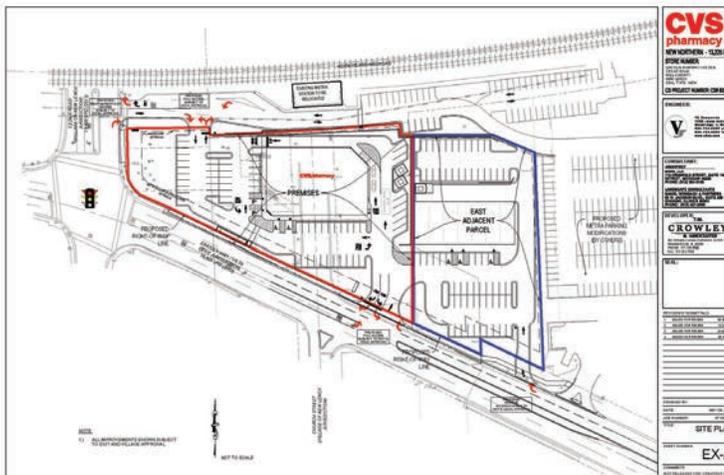


# The VILLAGER



## Route 30 and Cedar Road Redevelopment Moving Forward

In early 2015, the Village acquired four underperforming parcels at the northeast corner of U.S. Route 30 and Cedar Road in order to prepare the properties for redevelopment. Over the past year, the Village has undertaken the demolition of the former restaurant, bar, dry cleaners, and gas station, as well as had the underground tanks removed and any environmental conditions addressed. In February 2016, the Village entered into a contract with TMC Illinois 2, LLC for the development of a CVS Pharmacy on the corner, and in March, the Village approved a letter of intent with Heidner Properties who will develop an approximate 8,400-square foot multi-tenant building east of the CVS. This building will contain Fleckenstein's Bakery, Durbin's Restaurant, as well as one or two additional tenants. Over the next few months, the Village will be reviewing the final plans for the redevelopment, which is expected to move forward this year. The redevelopment of this key corner in the Village will be a catalyst for other revitalization and redevelopment projects, both public and private. This new development is an integral part of the Village's plans to build a new Metra station east of the existing one, while also improving traffic flow through the Metra lots and positioning the new station in closer proximity to the majority of the parking.



## April 2016

### Village Officials

- Timothy Baldermann *Mayor*
- Laura Ruhl *Village Clerk*
- Annette Bowden *Trustee*
- David Butterfield *Trustee*
- Douglas Finnegan *Trustee*
- Emily Johnson *Trustee*
- Keith Madsen *Trustee*
- David Smith *Trustee*
- Kurt T. Carroll *Village Administrator*

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### Village Meeting Dates

**Village Board Meetings**  
second and fourth Monday of each month at 7pm

**Council of the Whole Meetings**  
third Monday of each month at 7pm

**Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals**  
first and third Tuesday of each month at 7pm

All meetings are held in the Village Council Chambers at the Village Hall

Agendas for Village Board and Plan Commission meetings are posted at the Village Hall.

Village Board meetings air on New Lenox Channel 6 starting the day after the meeting.

New Lenox Village Hall  
1 Veterans Parkway  
New Lenox, IL 60451  
815.462.6400

### Hours

Mon. Tues. Thurs. Fri. 8:30-5:00  
Wed. 8:30-7:00

[www.newlenox.net](http://www.newlenox.net)

## 2016 Summer Triple Play Concert Series

Dates for the Triple Play Concert Series have been set. This year there will be TWO Triple Play Concert Series!! Check the Village website ([www.newlenox.net](http://www.newlenox.net)) and Facebook Page for band and ticket sales information.

Concerts Dates are as follows:

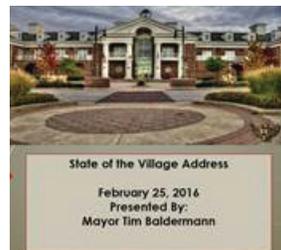
Triple Play #1	Triple Play #2
June 18	June 11
July 16	July 9
August 13	August 26



## State of the Village Recap

If you were not one of 158 attendees at Mayor Baldermann's State of the Village on February 25, 2016, the video is now available on the home page of the Village's website, [www.newlenox.net](http://www.newlenox.net). The Mayor's presentation talks about the many positive aspects of quality of life in New Lenox insofar as business and infrastructure growth, and community engagement.

There were 40 new businesses that opened in New Lenox in 2015, which is extraordinary. At year-end 2015, New Lenox had the highest number of single family construction permits in Will County at 162. The proposed road design for Nelson Road, the preliminarily approved 208 high-end apartment complex on Route 30, and quiet zones at railroad tracks were also included in the presentation.



New Lenox is called the "Home of Proud Americans" for many additional reasons, e.g., great schools, exemplary medical facilities, and hosting various community events such as the Triple Play Concerts, Ladies Night Out, and Christmas in the Commons.

## Severe Weather Preparedness Training & Health and Safety Expo

The Village of New Lenox, in partnership with the New Lenox Safe Communities America Coalition and Citizen Corps Council, with the assistance of the National Weather Service, Will County Emergency Management Agency and Lincoln-Way West High School, is proud to announce the 2016 New Lenox Severe Weather Preparedness Training / Health and Safety Expo. The event will be held on Wednesday April 20, 2016 at Lincoln-Way West High School, 21701 Gougar Road New Lenox, IL 60451 in the Performing Arts Center.

**The FREE Health and Safety Expo** will be held from **5:00pm to 7:00pm** just outside the Performing Arts Center. Visit approximately 50 organizations from the health, safety, fitness, preparedness and emergency response industries. Attendees will have the opportunity to receive free literature, giveaways, and health screenings while visiting the tables.

**The FREE Severe Weather Preparedness Training** will be presented by the National Weather Service and will take place in the Performing Arts Center at **7:00pm**. The training will last approximately 1 ½ hours. Those in attendance will also receive a chance to win some great preparedness-related prizes as well!

Thunderstorms pose a number of life-threatening hazards, including lightning, hail, damaging winds, flash flooding, and tornadoes. Preparedness is the key to surviving a weather disaster. Learn the facts and myths about the severe weather hazards that impact our area. Learn how to monitor the weather, how to receive and understand watches and warnings, and how to PREPARE yourself, your family and co-workers for severe weather. This program is perfect for students (middle school and up), parents, scouting groups, amateur radio operators, emergency services, public works, police, fire, schools and anyone else wishing to learn about severe weather.



## Nelson Road Extension

The Village is happy to announce that Nelson Road will be extended between Haven Avenue and Illinois Highway/Spencer Road this year. The Village was successful in acquiring the right-of-way from the developer that owned the property late last year and has been working with an engineering consultant on the final plans. The new roadway will include one lane in each direction, a 10-foot wide bike path, drainage improvements and roadway lighting. Where Nelson Road intersects Haven Avenue and Illinois Highway there will be dedicated left turn lanes and stop signs at all four legs of the intersection. Additionally, Joliet Highway will be widened from Boeing Drive, in the Aerohaven Subdivision, to where it will connect with the new Nelson Road. There are ongoing utility relocations taking place near Illinois Highway and

## Developing Our Workforce

An economic development responsibility in municipalities is to identify resources for workforce development. The resources can be for high school students or for existing workforce employees. Two resources are outlined below:



- **Workforce Investment Board of Will County**

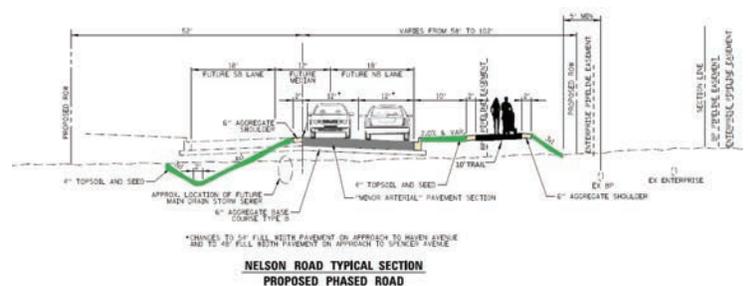
([www.willcountyworkforceboard.com](http://www.willcountyworkforceboard.com)): Provides business grants for employee training, occupational training providers, and reports on wages, workforce indicators, and comparative employment data on the number of jobs, wages and futuristic projections.

The Workforce Investment Board offers an On the Job Training Program (“OJT”) which provides reimbursement to businesses for the costs associated with skills’ training for newly hired employees. OJT can pay businesses 50% (or higher) of the wages of new employees to train them in the skills needed to be successful and productive in their new jobs. The targeted industries for OJT include: Healthcare; Manufacturing; Information Technology; and Transportation/Logistics.

- **Robotics Team “Showcase”:** The SouthWorks Engineering & Robotics Showcase is an opportunity for regional manufacturing and logistics companies to learn what the local High School STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Programs are currently accomplishing. Companies will be able to interact with teams from a number of regional high schools, support their career readiness efforts, learn about their existing engineering and robotics programs, and inspire a new Southland Robotics Challenge competition in 2017. Parents, teachers, community members, and other regional schools are invited to attend the Showcase which will be held at Prairie State College in Chicago Heights, Illinois on Friday, April 15, 2016.

The technical career services representatives at Lincoln-Way and Providence Catholic High Schools have been provided with information to allow students to participate in this opportunity. OAI (Opportunity, Advancement, Innovation) in Workforce Development located in Park Forest, Illinois is hosting the Showcase.

Haven Avenue in advance of construction beginning. The current schedule is to bid the project in April, award the contract in May, begin construction this summer and have the road open to traffic before the end of the year.



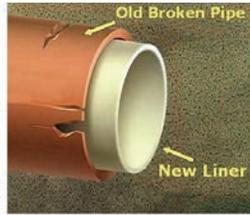
## Wastewater Slip Lining Project

The Village of New Lenox Wastewater Department is responsible for the transport and treatment of all wastewater in New Lenox. During our yearly sewer cleaning and inspection program a major problem was found in a main sewer line that runs from Nelson Road to Veterans Parkway along Route 30.

The line is a 21" fibrous cement pipe and is badly deteriorated. If we were to dig and replace this line it would be very costly and a major interruption for the businesses along Route 30. It was decided that slip lining would be the best solution.

Slip lining is a trenchless rehabilitation method by which a new pipe is installed in the old pipe with no digging required. It is less time consuming than digging and replacing and is less likely to cause an interruption to traffic. Once the scope of work was determined the project was put out to bid and a contract was awarded in the amount of \$190,000. If we were to dig and replace this line it would have cost upwards of one million dollars and would have been a major interruption to both businesses and residents.

The Village has been committed to investing and improving the wastewater infrastructure throughout town for many years now. With over 656,000 feet of sewer lines, 2,891 manholes, 12 pumping stations, 3 treatment plants and an excess flow lagoon; wastewater infrastructure is one of the Villages biggest assets. The *American Society of Civil Engineers* gave Illinois wastewater infrastructure a D+ grade (<http://www.isasce.org/report-card/>), most of the state is not doing enough to maintain and improve wastewater infrastructure. In New Lenox, we understand that in order to maintain a healthy and vibrant community, investing in infrastructure is of the utmost importance. We are committed to investing in our community to keep New Lenox a great option for residents and businesses.



## Online Permits and Registrations

The Village is pleased to announce that contractor registration renewal, business registration renewal, and a select number of building permits will be able to be submitted online as of April 4, 2016. The new online permitting website can be accessed from the Village's website at [www.newlenox.net](http://www.newlenox.net). This website was designed in an effort to make it more convenient for residents and businesses to apply for permits and registrations. At this time, only permits for sheds, fences, driveways, windows/doors/siding and roofs can be applied for online. In addition to these permits, contractors may renew their registrations along with businesses being able to renew their business registrations. Please be sure to read the instruction page, which advises you of the supporting documents that will have to be attached to the various applications. All other applications will need to be applied for in person at the Village Hall at this time. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact the Community Development Department at (815) 462-6490.



## Questions about the Senior Citizen Sewer Rate Discount

If you are Sixty-Five (65) years of age or older, and are either an owner or property tenant of the property on which the discount is sought, you are entitled by Village Ordinance #2518 to a qualified senior citizen sewer service charge for both the fixed monthly charge and the volume charge on the first 1,000 gallons per month.

### How can I tell if I am already receiving the senior citizen discount?

The senior citizen discount went into effect on the March 1, 2016 utility bills. One way to determine that you received the senior citizen discount is by reviewing the March 1, 2016 bill. If under the Current Charges there is a description that indicates **Senior Sewer Service** your account is receiving a senior discount. Another way to determine if you received the senior citizen discount is by verifying that the Sewer Debt & Capital Replacement charge is \$7.00. The Non-Senior Citizen charge for this fee is \$11.19.

### UTILITY BILL EXAMPLE

CURRENT CHARGES	PREVIOUS READ	PRESENT READ	USAGE	
Water Service			2,000	\$9.26
Senior Sewer Service				\$12.92
Water line charge				\$34.00
Sewer Debt & Capital Replacement				\$7.00

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**How can I apply for the senior citizen discount?** First, call the Village Hall at 815-462-6400 to verify that you are not identified as a senior citizen on our utility bill system. Second, stop by the Village Hall and complete the application for the discount. You must provide proof of age by either providing a Driver's License or State Identification Card.

**I just applied for the senior citizen discount, when will it go into effect?** The discount will go into effect on the next utility bill following the completion of the application and verification by Village staff that you have qualified for the senior discount.

## Water Department Happenings - Joliet Highway Booster Pump Installation

The southeast quadrant of town has been the subject of much discussion regarding water pressure. In an effort to increase the water pressure in this area, as well as, plan for future growth, the Village of New Lenox will be adding two pumps to our pump house located on Joliet Hwy. and Sojourn Rd. The addition of these two pumps will increase pressures in the southeast quadrant of town (Sky Harbor, Heather Glen areas), from 35-40 psi to 55-60 psi. Areas east of the tank (Windermere, Schoolhouse Manor, Wellington, Eagle Estates, Crystal Springs, Bluestone Bay, and Crystal Cove) will also see an increase to 60-70 psi from the current range of 40-50 psi. All areas west of the tank at Sojourn Rd. and Joliet Hwy. will continue to see the good pressures they have.

The Village of New Lenox hopes that all work will begin before May, with a targeted completion date of November 1st.



## New Lenox Police Department "Internet Purchase Exchange Location"

We are pleased to announce that the New Lenox Police Department will serve as a designated "Internet Purchase Exchange Location." With the rise in online trading in which buyer and seller must meet to complete private transactions, the safety of those involved is a primary concern. Although the vast majority of these transactions are perfectly safe, risks can include theft, robberies, and physical threats or harm. Residents seeking a safe place to conduct these transactions are free to utilize the parking lot located on the lower level, northeast corner of the New Lenox Police Department, which is under 24-hour video surveillance.



Please be aware that police personnel may not become actively involved in any transactions unless criminal activity is involved, and will not participate in the exchange of cash or the storing or transferring of items. Also, transactions related to weapons will not be allowed.

The pictured sign has been placed in the parking lot to serve as a reminder of this option. We strongly encourage residents to take advantage of this safe way to conduct transactions.

## Spring 2016 Leaf Collection Program

The Leaf Collection Program for residents will begin Monday April 4th, 2016. The Village will send out leaf collection equipment and vacuum your leaves from your parkway. Residents must place the leaves in the parkway and not on the street. Please see below for the correct and incorrect ways to place the leaves.



Crews will start at the beginning of the week on the north side of town and work their way south. The goal is to collect the leaves at least once a week.

Please follow these helpful guidelines to ensure that this service will operate quickly, safely and efficiently:

- Place leaves on the parkway parallel to the street and immediately behind the curb or the edge of pavement. Leaves **must not** be placed in the street or in the curb/gutter. If the leaves are placed in the street or gutter, they have a greater chance of blowing and will obstruct the flow of storm water and cause street flooding during rain events.
- **Do not** include any debris such as garden materials, brush, cans, paper, bottles, etc. These foreign materials can cause damage to leaf collection personnel and equipment.
- **Do not** place leaves behind obstacles such as: parked vehicles, trees, mailboxes, fire hydrants, streetlights, etc.

The Village's free leaf collection program ends **Friday April 15th, 2016**.

Alternative Options are also encouraged. In some neighborhoods where trees are not mature, utilizing a mulching lawn mower adds the leaves back into the lawn - providing nutrients to the soil. [Nu-Way will also pick-up leaves placed in the Kraft-type paper bags free of charge for 2-weeks.](#) This service will be performed on April 7th, 8th, 14th, and 15th, whichever dates fall on your regularly scheduled garbage pick-up day.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions please call the Public Works Department at (815) 215-4800.

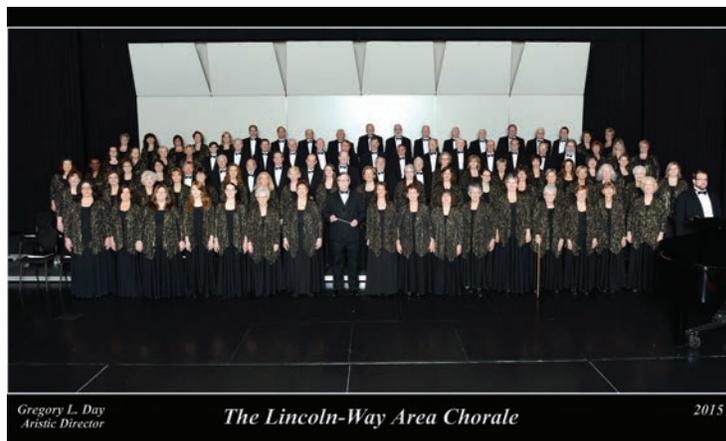
## Lincoln-Way Area Chorale Invited to Perform at Carnegie Hall

Distinguished Concerts International New York (DCINY) has announced that Director Mr. Greg Day and the Lincoln-Way Area Chorale have been invited to participate in a performance of Handel's Messiah at Carnegie Hall on Sunday, November 27th, 2016. They will join with other choristers to form the Distinguished Concerts Singers International and perform with full orchestra.



Dr. Jonathan Griffith, Artistic Director and Principal Conductor for DCINY states: "The Lincoln-Way Area Chorale received this invitation because of the quality and high level of musicianship demonstrated by the singers. It is quite an honor just to be invited to perform in New York. These wonderful musicians not only represent a high quality of music and education, but they also become ambassadors for the entire community. This is an event of extreme pride for everybody and deserving of the community's recognition and support."

The adult Lincoln-Way Area Chorale is in its 21st season and performs 2 concerts a year as well as presentations at local venues. The Chorale will be soliciting donations from local businesses and individuals and conducting other fund raising events in the coming months to help defray the performance and administrative costs associated with this concert. These donations will also go to help fund future Chorale productions as well as our scholarship program. Please refer to our website at [www.lwac.com](http://www.lwac.com) for more information on the Chorale, the Carnegie Hall performance, and upcoming fund raising events.



The Lincoln-Way Area Chorale is a non-profit 501(C)(3) organization, (TEIN# E9951-9356-02), and donations to the Chorale are tax deductible. Please consult your tax advisor.

For more information on how to encourage and support LWAC as they prepare for their New York concert, please call Ken Reed at 815-534-5324, or email him at [kreed@lwac.com](mailto:kreed@lwac.com).

Thank you for your consideration.

Mr. Gregory Day, Artistic Director  
Mr. Ken Reed, LWAC Board President